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WATER COMPRESSOR

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JP 09 264658 discloses that during a defrosting operation of an electric refrigerator, water produced in the operation and flowing down from an evaporator is collected in a condensate receiving plate and introduced through a drainage pipe into a machine room so as to be vaporized by utilizing heat of a condenser pipe 19 at an evaporating plate 30 provided in the machine room. In that case, the plate 30 in which the pipe 19 is embedded is disposed above a compressor 17 and the pipe 19 is connected to a refrigerant line. Preferably, the plate 30 has at its bottom 30b a recess in conformity 30b from within a side 30a of the plate 30 and along the upper periphery of the compressor 11 nearly in a U-form.

DE 198 55 504 discloses a refrigeration device that has a thermally insulated housing with at least one cold chamber and a machine chamber for accommodating refrigeration equipment, e.g. a compressor (21) or similar, in which a condensed water collection pan (28-30) is arranged that is exposed to the heat of the compressor, at least at its bottom. The bottom (30) of the pan is made at least in sections of at least approximately flexurally slack material that can come into thermally conducting contact with the compressor housing, at least in some sections.

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